



**ICEA Executive Committee  
Minutes  
August 8, 2007**

**Members Present:** Carolyn Nelson, Jeff Lobas, Troy McCarthy, Mary Stevens, LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, Mary Nelson, & Kelly Hancock (by conference phone)

**Excused:** Jane Borst

**Staff:** Lisa Sharp, Marion Kresse, Jeannie Cox, Kelly Schulte, Barb Khal

**Guest Speaker:** Jody Kealey, Nutrition Consultant, Child Health Specialty Clinics

**DESCRIPTION**

Call to Order from Troy McCarthy .

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the April 11, 2007 and June 13, 2007 Executive Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

**Lead Agency Update:** LauraBelle introduced herself as the new Bureau Chief for Early Childhood Services.

- The Signatory Agencies has had one meeting regarding the Memorandum of Agreement and will be meeting again on August 21.
- Early ACCESS will be receiving extra funds from the federal budget. This will be used to hire a Data person.
- Early ACCSS Part C did well with the Annual Performance Report. Iowa was one of the 14/56 States and territories that received a “Met Requirements” designation.

**Department of Human Services** – Marion Kresse gave an update on a national CAPTA Conference Call. Marion passed out a handout that summarized the call. Marion also shared the findings from the Early ACCESS meeting at AEA 8 with Department of Human Services in their area. One of the questions that arose was; are there more kids that are being referred by DHS and not getting in? This will need to be worked on as a team for the DHS referrals.

There was also a handout on the CAPTA issues that need resolution at the state level. What does it mean to have a monitoring IFSP?

DHS has contracted out for service providers for children who have been abused or neglected. Contracts will start on October 1, 2007.

Mary Nelson announced that Pamela Alger has been hired as the new Child & Youth Bureau Chief in the Mental Health & Disabilities Services Division and will start this Friday, August 10, 2007. Her contact information is: phone-515-281-3234 and e-mail-[palger@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:palger@dhs.state.ia.us)

**Child Health Specialty Clinic:** Jeff Lobas has resigned from Child Health Specialty Clinics and will be leaving for Arizona in November to undertake a new job.

**Department of Public Health -** Kelly Schulte announced the Newborn Academy on Thursday September 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining the ICN, call or email Meghan Wolfe at 515-281-0219 or [mwolfe@idph.state.ia.us](mailto:mwolfe@idph.state.ia.us).

Kelly has received over 12 IFSP's to review from their Child Health service coordinators that began in June to serve children identified with lead poisoning. Kelly is still working on Medicaid billing procedures.

**Guest Speaker:** Jody Kealey presented information about how the new state monies will be used to provide Nutrition Services across the state. She shared her power point presentation titled, "Filling in the Gap for Nutrition Services in Early ACCESS". Jody is housed at the Davenport Office, but is available to consult via tele-health conferencing across the state. Jody's role will be to provide outreach and training for dietitians to build their skills. There has been a successful partnership with Early ACCESS providers in AEA 267. Jody and AEA 267 representatives have been invited to share nutrition strategies to the Iowa Council for Early ACCESS in November.

#### **Agenda Items for September 12, 2007**

- CAPTA update
- Levels of Service discussion

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 p.m.